

DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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Minutes of August 26, 2004 Meeting

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Jenny Streeter	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Sally Bosha	Sal Mazzeo
Kevin Newman	

Guest List:

Don Fiftal

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the June 10 meeting were approved unanimously. Kevin Newman will submit the minutes of the July 8 meeting at a later time. It was also noted for the record that the meeting scheduled for July 22 failed to achieve a quorum.

Construction Committee Report

Peter Maglathlin gave the following report:

- The contractor suggested that the committee approve installing a membrane surface under the football bleachers to keep water from going through the concrete to the storage area underneath. The committee rejected the suggestion.
- There is roof-related drainage issue on Building F, which is being addressed and should cause no problem.
- Building B brickwork began today.
- There have been no recent issues involving neighbor complaints.
- Jerry Nielsen toured the site with Susan Cameron of the EPC. Any problems noted should have been taken care of by today.
- The construction continues to be on schedule.
- We are keeping within budget thanks to aggressive value engineering. The number of change orders has decreased markedly, and this should be the norm as the major work moves inside where there is less likelihood of changes being recommended or necessary. There is a need to meet with the architects regarding some costs. Architectural error is far beyond acceptable amounts.
- O&G is to come back to the committee with a proposal to lower their demand for fees.
- We are still in discussion with contractors regarding claims for additional fees.

Design Development Committee

Jenny Streeter reported that she had been at a furniture budget meeting with Michelle of Herbert Newman and Partners. The present figure is at \$1.8 million. Michelle believes she can reduce the figure so we can apply to balance to the technology budget. The

timing remains within acceptable limits for getting approval from both the Board of Education and the State Funding Unit (SFU) and still going to bid on schedule.

Finance Committee

John Bowes was ill and not able to be at the meeting. Peter Maglathlin stated that we are holding off making some payments until outstanding issues with the architect and various contractors are resolved.

Chairman's Report – None.

Sal Mazzeo reported that some observers had noted concern about the new practice field in the northwest corner of the property. They point to an apparent 5-foot drop in elevation from one end of the practice field to the other. We will attempt to determine whether there actually is a slope of that magnitude, and, if so, whether it can be modified or whether drainage or other EPC-related regulations require it to be so. The committee pledged to do what it can to be fair to all; in other words, we will try to “level the playing field.”

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2004, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte
Secretary

Approved: September 9, 2004